other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to areas not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) To consider banning of fellings in the hills above 1000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) To identify critical areas in the hills and mountains which require protection from felling of forests and need immediate vigorous afforestation.

(iv) To set apart 4 per cent of the geographical areas as protected area like wildlife sanctuaries, national parks, biospare reserves etc.

9. A massive afforestation Programme is being implemented by National Wasteland Development Board.

High polluting industries

936. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the indusries that being to the highly polluting category;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had given time till December 31, 1991 to meet the prescribed standards for the industries that belong to the 17 highly polluting categories;

(c) if so, whether the concerned State Governments have enforced the time limit; and

(d) if not, what steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) to (d) The names of 17 highly polluting categories are: sugar, fertilizers, cement, fermentation & distillery, aluminium smelting, petrochemicals, thermal power, caustic soda, oil refinery, tanneries, copper smelting, zinc smelting, iron & steel, pulp & paper, dye and dye intermediates, pesticides and basic drugs & pharmaceuticals.

The State Governments have identified the units with respect to the compliance with the pollution control standards in the 17 caegories of industries. According to the information provided by the State Governments, out of the total number of 3094 units, 150 units have not initiated action for complying with the pollution control standards.

An industry, operation or process which has commenced production on or before 16th May, 1981, and has shown adequate proof of at least commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st day of December, 1993.

An industry, operation or process which has commenced production after the 16th day of May, 1981 but before the 31st day of December, 1991, and as shown adequate proof of at least commencement of physical work for establishment of facilities to meet the specified standards within a time-bound programme, to the satisfaction of the concerned State Pollution Control Board, shall comply with such standards latest by the 31st day of December, 1992.

Special courts regarding violation of the Water and Air pollution Acts

937. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the States/Union Territories where special Courts have been constituted so far to deal with the cases regarding violation of the provisions of the water and Air Pollution Acts; and

(b) the number of cases which are pending in these Special Courts at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Special Courts have been set up the States of Bihar, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Union Territory of Delhi to deal with cases relating to violation of the provisions of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974 and the Air (Prevention and Conrol of Pollution) Act, 1981.

(b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.